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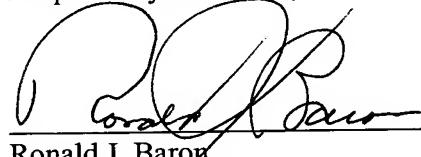
Claims 1, 2, 4 – 6, 10, 11, 18, 22 and 25 remain in this application in the original form.

Claims 3, 7 – 9, 12 – 17, 19 – 21, 23, 24, and 26 – 28 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies so that all claims are singly dependent from previous claims.

No new subject matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment. Claims 1 – 28 are presented for prosecution. No additional fees should be assessed because of filing multiple dependent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment and examination and favorable consideration. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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